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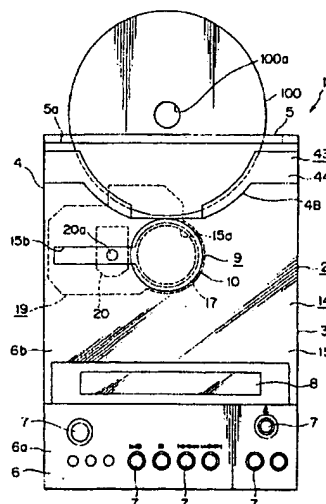
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(54) **Disk clamber, recording and/or playback apparatus and method for loading an inserted recording medium**

(57) Disclosed is a disk clamber (9) for cooperating with a disk table (17) to chuck a disk-type recording medium (100), comprising: a support section (10) disposed in an opposing relationship to the disk table (17); and a stabilizer (11) supported on the support section (10) for movement toward and away from the disk table (17); wherein, when the disk-type recording medium (100) is chucked, the stabilizer (11) is attracted to the disk table (17) with the disk-type recording medium (100) interposed therebetween, but when the disk-type recording medium (100) is not chucked, the stabilizer (11) is attracted to the support section (10). Accordingly, chucking operation in an assured manner can be realized.

FIG. 1





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1. Claims: 1-11

A disk clasper, corresponding recording apparatus and loading method characterized by a support section, a turntable and a stabilizer which is attracted in opposed directions.

2. Claims: 12-18

A recording and/or playback apparatus characterized by an insertion slot, a carrying means and a shutter for closing said insertion slot.



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